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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Hayfork – 400-Plus Pounds of Black Market Marijuana Seized in Trinity County**

(U) Authorities seized 455 pounds of processed marijuana, butane honey oil, and firearms at a black market marijuana operation in Trinity County. The seizure came after the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, assisted by the Trinity County Sheriff's Department, served a search warrant at a private parcel in the Hayfork area. The warrant stemmed from evidence of black market marijuana sales, environmental crimes and other criminal activity.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [MSN News](#)

(U) Chino – Agents Conduct Raid on Multiple Homes in Chino

(U) Federal authorities raided several homes in the Chino area as part of a drug investigation. Three men were arrested on federal charges alleging they took part in a scheme that used millions of dollars wired from China to purchase seven residential homes in San Bernardino County that were converted into illegal marijuana grow houses. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents, along with San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies, served search warrants at seven homes in the raid. An ICE spokesperson advised that the raid was part of an ongoing criminal drug investigation and not related to immigration.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [CBS LA](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Idaho – Police Arrest Man for Bomb Threats, Stalking**

(U) Rockford – Police arrested a suspect for making felony terrorist threats and misdemeanor stalking after investigating false bomb threats found on social media. On Thursday evening, police asked people in the area of Liberty Park to shelter-in-place until the threat was over. After interviews, the suspect was apprehended and booked into Canyon County jail.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [Idaho Statesman](#)

(U) Illinois – Suspect in Fatal Shooting of Deputy at Hotel, Now in Custody

(U) Rockford – The suspect in the fatal shooting of a sheriff's deputy in Rockford, Illinois, has been taken into custody after barricading himself in his car following a high speed chase. The shooting occurred as the US Marshal's Service Fugitive Task Force was attempting to serve an arrest warrant on the suspect at an Extended Stay hotel. The suspect allegedly fired through the hotel door as the task force approached his room, hitting the deputy outside. A female occupant of the hotel room was also struck by gun fire. The suspect then fled through a window which initiated the chase.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Four Arrested in Fentanyl Bust

(U) Lawrence – Police busted a fentanyl trafficking operation in Lawrence, Massachusetts, resulting in four arrests and the seizure of approximately 770 grams of the dangerous drugs. The sting concluded a two-month investigation by state police which "identified runners, accomplices, and a possible stash house" in Lawrence. Officers observed a narcotics transaction and stopped the vehicle involved

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arresting two suspects. A later search of a residence led to the seizure of approximately 750 grams of fentanyl, several finger presses, and currency.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [Boston Herald](#)

(U) Tennessee – Thirteen People Indicted on Drug and Gun Charges

(U) Middle Tennessee – A two-year investigation, led by the Metro Police gang unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), brought charges against 13 men and women throughout Central Tennessee. Twelve of the suspects are now in custody with one fugitive pending arrest. Investigators seized 32 guns, and a varying assortment of illicit drugs from each suspect.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [WKRN News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Attack on Shi'ite Muslim Gathering in Afghan Capital Kills Three**

(U) Kabul – Rockets fired at a gathering of the Shi'ite Muslim Hazara minority in Kabul killed three people and wounded dozens more in an attack claimed by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham's Khorasan Province. Hazaras have been repeatedly attacked by Sunni Muslim militant groups such as the Taliban, al-Qa'ida, and ISIS over the years. Hundreds of people including top government officials and a least three candidates for the July presidential election were at the event.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iraq – Militants Kill Seven Iraqi Shi'ite Paramilitary Troops

(U) Kirkuk – Militants ambushed a convoy of pro-government, Shi'ite Muslim paramilitary fighters in northern Iraq killing at least seven and wounding 30. No group immediately claimed responsibility, but ISIS militants often carry out such attacks. The Sunni group has switched to insurgent hit and run tactics after losing almost all the territory it once controlled in northern Iraq and northeastern Syria.

SOURCE: 7 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

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